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HOMEOTROPIC

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on p/age 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.